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Dear Sir:

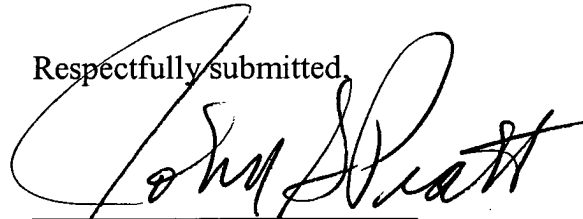
In accordance with Rules 56, 97 and 98 of the Rules of Practice in Patent Cases (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98), enclosed are copies of the documents and references listed on the attached modified Form PTO-1449.

The undersigned does not concede that any of the identified materials constitute prior art within the meaning of the United States patent laws.

The undersigned attorney has received two letters from counsel for an accused infringer of the above-identified patent asserting that certain of the patent claims are invalid. Copies of those letters and the documents referenced in those letters are submitted herewith and identified on the enclosed form PTO-1449.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing of the first Office Action on the merits (37 C.F.R. 1.97(b)(3)); therefore, no fee is required. However, if a first Office Action on the merits has issued, please consider this Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the applicable fees, if any, to Deposit Account No. 11-0855.

Respectfully submitted,



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